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1. IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW PUBLISHED BY AGENCE
FRANCE PRESSE DEC 16, EZZEDDINE KALAK, HEAD OF THE
PLO'S PARIS OFFICE, SAID THAT THE PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL
HAD UPHELD OVERWHELMINGLY YASSER ARAFAT'S EFFORTS TO
REALIZE PALESTINIANS' NATIONAL RIGHTS, "IN
PARTICULAR, THE RIGHT OF RETURN AND SELF-DETERMINATION,
INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO AN INDEPENDENT STATE ON
NATIONAL SOIL." WHILE THE CENTRAL COUNCIL HAD SET
NO GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS, HE SAID, THERE IS AN
INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS THAT THE STATE WOULD BE "ON
THAT PART OF PALESTINIAN TERRITORY" CALLED THE WEST
BANK AND GAZA. BECAUSE OF RABIN'S DESIRE TO DELAY
THINGS BECAUSE OF THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS, KAZAK THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CREATE THE STATE IN 1977.
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BUT, HE SAID, THE STATUS QUO IS DANGEROUS FOR THE
REGION.

2. KAZAK SAID THAT THE CENTRAL COUNCIL DISCUSSED
FORMING A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BUT THAT THE
PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL WOULD MAKE THE DECISION.

HE NOTED THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND
SAID IT WAS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ITS
REPRESENTATIVENESS BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE
PALESTINIAN COMMUNITIES IN THE GULF, THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES AND ELSEWHERE.
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